

DOUGLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting on May 17, 2007

10:00 a.m.

Douglas County Park Department Office

PRESENT: Dennis Acton, Dale Christiansen, Don Larson, Dick Swartzlender, Bill Swift, and Jim Dowd

ABSENT: Jon Hill (excused), Lonnie Ferber (excused)

GUESTS: Norma Talburt, Lois Eagleton, John Robertson, Jonathan Wright

Swartzlender called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Acton moved for approval of the April 19, 2007 minutes and Larson seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

National Register of Historic Places Information

Dowd introduced Jonathan Wright, a planner with the Douglas County Planning Department. Wright is the staff liaison to the Historic Resource & Review Committee for Douglas County. He reviewed the County's four classifications of Historic Resources and gave the Board some information regarding what the County's requirements would be if the Kanipe Memorial Ranch were to be added to the National Registry. Wright said it would most likely be classified as a Class 1 resource which would be a protected structure.

Both Kanipe structures were approved by the Douglas County Historic Review Committee at their last meeting and will now go forward to the State Review. The importance of having the buildings on the National Registry inventory is to be eligible for possible grants to help maintain the structures. The decision will be made by the State for the school building on June 8th, and sometime in October for the farm building.

Acton requested that the Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park provide the board with long-range plans for the park in order to help in communicating the goals between the Friends and the Park Department.

Pepsi Property Update

Wright shared that there will be a hearing on June 21, 2007 with the Douglas County Planning Commission for review of the land partition separating the Pepsi plant building from the property.

Mildred Kanipe Trust

The Last Will and Testament of Mildred Kanipe was passed out and Dowd reviewed the information regarding the trustee of the will. The document requires the County to comply with

the conditions of the will, or the title of the property will terminate and be wholly vested into the trust that is managed by the Bank.

OFF AGENDA

Mildred Kanipe Park Trail Naming Plan: Lois Eagleton handed out information regarding the plan to name and mark the trails at Kanipe Park. A map would be available for hiking, biking, or horseback riding on the trail, along with color coded signs to mark each trail.

MOTION: Christiansen moved and Acton seconded the motion to approve the naming of the trails at Mildred Kanipe Park as outlined by the Friends of Mildred Kanipe Park Trail Naming Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dowd presented the following updates:

The logging at Chief Miwaleta Park is completed.

The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe is holding a community celebration of the naming of Chief Miwaleta Park on Saturday, May 19, and the board members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Rob Stevens was at a pre-bid today at Chief Miwaleta Park giving information to bidders regarding the Miwaleta campground Phase I. The bid closes May 23, 2007.

Brochures of the Pitchford Community Center were handed out.

Two staff employees have left due to medical reasons. They were both part of the Maintenance Crew.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Norma Talburt inquired about the status of the Equine camp in Winchester Bay. Dowd said the Park Department has not received any authorization to proceed. Designs still need to be drafted and funding addressed.

NEXT MEETING June 21, 2007, 10:00 a.m. at Park Headquarters.

A motion to adjourn was made by Larson and seconded by Swift. The meeting was adjourned at 11:24am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Wilson, Office Manager
Douglas County Park Department